**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—But then the greater necessity is for the people from Triprayar side to go to Karanchira.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—May I know how the Government have calculated the actual number of the people crossing the ferries? Is it from the collections at the ferries ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—From the amount that we get.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—May I know the difference in the amount ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The amount collected from Karanchira is almost ten times that collected from Kattur. From Karanchira we get Rs. 300 while only Rs. 30 is got from Kattur.

**Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.**—May I know whether there is a public road connecting the Kattur ferry ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—There is a Panchayat road.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Even if the bridge is constructed at Kattur will it not open places like Manalur, Kandassankadavu? What will be the distance?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—It will be about 1½ miles.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—If the distance is only 1½ miles will the Government consider whether it is possible to construct the bridge at Kattur in view of the fact that besides a large number of people benefitting by it, it will also be much cheaper?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Cheapness is not the only consideration which weighed with us in locating the bridge at Karanchira.

## Appointment—Assistant Professor—Maharaja's College—application for.

223. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a Cochinite, who is a research scholar in cocoanut industry under the Madras University, had applied for an Assistant Professorship in the Maharaja's College (Chemistry section);

(b) what were his academic qualifications;

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(c) did he not offer to continue his researches over and above his professional duties, if he is given a footing in the College;

(d) are the Government aware that the Travancore Government are rendering pecuniary help to research scholars hailing from Travancore and working under Universities else where?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—

(a) Yes (for a situation in the Chemistry department of the Maharaja's College).

(b) B. A. *(Hons:)* Research Scholar.

(c) Yes.

(d) Government have no information on the point.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Is any such work conducted in the knowledge of the Government anywhere in the State?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—Arrangements have been made in the laboratory of the Maharaja's College to conduct some research connected with the cocoanut and other minor products.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—When was that, please?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—Some months back.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—What is the arrangement?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—The staff with the assistance of some senior students will conduct such research as is possible with the apparatus in their possession in order to develop some industries connected with the cocoanut.

**Mr. P. Krisnha Menon.**—If some arrangements were made some months back I suppose the work has already been started?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—There was some difficulty for getting funds. That question had to be tackled and then the lines on which the work has to be done had to be settled. That was settled only about three or four weeks ago by the new Assistant Professor who is in charge of it and the Government are taking action to find funds and also to see that the work is done soon.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Is any large funds necessary for this?

**Mr. I. N. Menon.**—Some funds are necessary. This is a year when the budget is very stringent so that it is not at all possible to effect any transfer from any head because all heads have been equally subjected to cut.

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